Sri. K. Ramachandran: Will the Government be pleased to provide two doors, one for entrance and another for exit in buses as in Trams and buses in Madras, so as to avoid such offences ?

Sri. E. John Philipose : That is no-doubt a useful suggestion but it is not possible to have two doors in buses of the Transport Department. It is thought desirable to have only one way.

Sri. K. Ramachandran : Will it be possible in City Service buses ?

Sri. E. John Philipose : It will not be possible even in City Service buses.

MISAPPROPRIATION OF PETROL

*618. [22] **Sri. K. Ramachandran:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Transport be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government are aware that there is a serious pilfering and misappropriation of government petrol from Transport buses;

(*b*) the method now adopted in checking petrol consumption in Transport buses ?

Sri. E. John Philipose : (*a & b*) Some cases have been reported and action taken. The petrol position of each vehicle is now being checked both at the time of starting from and returning to the Garage with a view to see whether there has been any overconsumption of petrol in proportion to the mileage operated. Strict watch and ward system is adopted to see that this kind of pilfering is not committed in the premises of the Garage. Inspectors on duty on route have also instructions to be watchful in this matter.

സാഹിബ് ബഹദൂർ കെ. എ. മഹമ്മദ്: ഒരു ഗ്യാലൻ പെട്രോളിൽ ആവരേജ് എത്ര മൈൽ ഓടുമെന്നു പറയാമോ ?

Sri. E. John Philipose : The m. p. g. as it stands at present is 10 miles.

സാഹിബ് ബഹദൂർ കെ. എ. മഹമ്മദ്: ഏറ്റവും കൂടുതൽ മൈലേജ് കിട്ടുന്നത് എത്ര ടൈപ്പ് ബസ്സാണെന്നു പറയാമോ ?

ശ്രീ. ഇ. ജാൺ ഫിലിപ്പോസ്: അതിപ്പോൾ പെട്ടെന്നു പറയാൻ സാധ്യമല്ല.

SALT INDUSTRY

*619. [23] **Sri. A. M. Thomas:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Industries be pleased to state.

Has the Government has taken up management of any salt industry concern ?

Sri. N. Kunjuraman :

No.

THOTTARA PUNCHA BUND

*620. [24] **Sri. A. M. Thomas :** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the total amount spent for the Thottara Puncha Bund at Pulimughom; (പുലിമുഖം) and

(*b*) are there permanent sluices there now ?

Sri. E. John Philipose :

(*a*) The total amount spent up to the end of February 1950 is Rs. 524.

(*b*) There are no permanent sluices now.

ശ്രീ. എ. എം. തോമസ്: അതിനുമുമ്പു എത്ര തുക ചിലവാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാൻ സാധിക്കുമോ ?

ശ്രീ. ഇ. ജാൺ ഫിലിപ്പോസ്: അതിന്റെ വിവരം ഇപ്പോൾ കൈവശമില്ല.

ശ്രീ. എ. എം. തോമസ്: ആ ബണ്ടിനു സംരക്ഷണം വേണമെന്നു സർക്കാരിനു അറിയാമോ ?

ശ്രീ. ഇ. ജാൺ ഫിലിപ്പോസ്: അതിനെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷിക്കാം.

BRIDGE AT POOTHOTTA

*621. [25] **Sri. A. M. Thomas :** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government contemplates the construction of a bridge at Poothotta in Vaikom taluk ; and

(*b*) if so, what is the estimated expenditure ?

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